

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

Office of the Governor

*** 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES ***

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, the effects of excessive groundwater pumping in areas of Arizona were dwindling supplies, devastating land, and threatening precious water resources needed for future prosperity. Arizona leaders came together to craft solutions to preserve and protect water supplies; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 1980, the Groundwater Management Act (GMA) was signed into law. For the first time, all responsibilities for water planning and regulation (except water quality) were centralized within one state agency, the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR); and

WHEREAS, this progressive law granted vast, new responsibilities and authority to ADWR. Arizona was recognized in 1986 by the Ford Foundation for its landmark work in water management; and

WHEREAS, since then, ADWR has worked with cities and farms, industry and environmental interests to reduce Arizona's groundwater use, safeguard riparian areas, and protect Arizona's allocation of the Colorado River so that water will be available for future generations; and

WHEREAS, today, ADWR continues to lead the State toward sustainable water supplies; and

WHEREAS, thirty years after creation of the Groundwater Management Act and the Department of Water Resources, Arizona recognizes the importance of our precious water supplies for our future prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby recognize the

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this tenth day of June in the year Two Thousand and Ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth.

ATTEST:

Ken Blumett

Secretary of State

